

SKEEYTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
Held at Skeyton Village Hall on Tuesday 23rd November 2021. 7.30.p.m.

Present: Chairman Cllr: M. Hicks, Cllr: I. Stevenson, Cllr: A. Morton, NNDC District/ County Councillor Saul Penfold and Parish Clerk Mrs. D. Fields.

1. Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllr: S. Bunting, Cllr: G. Berry, and Vice-Chairman J. Hughes

2. Minutes

Minutes from the Parish Council Meeting dated 8th September 2021 were signed and accepted as a true and accurate record of proceedings.

3. Matters Arising

a) Unique Commemorative Mug. A sample of a commemorative mug has been received. It was suggested that the children age up to 18 would receive one to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee 2-5 June 2022. Thirty-six mugs was the minimum about the Council could purchase and worked out to £5.55. each. It was decided to wait till the February 2022 meeting to make a decision about these. The mugs are made of English bone china from Cornwall and are dishwasher proof.

b) A plaque is to be erected on the base of the new Skeyton sign, saying:-
"Erected and funded by Skeyton Parish Council with kind donations from Skeyton Village Hall and Skeyton Trosh Committee".
Clerk to purchase the plaque.

c) Commemorative Covid Plaque. This plaque has been received by the Council which has been commissioned and produced by the Norfolk Lieutenancy to commemorate Skeyton's resilience in the year of the pandemic. It was felt that the plaque would be better suited for inside the Village Hall.
Clerk to contact the Village Hall for their approval.

d) Plaque re: Telephone Box.
To be discussed at a future meeting.

4. Correspondence

a) Lighting a Beacon on 2nd June 2022. The Council all thought that a cost of £490 + VAT to purchase a Beacon was far too costly.

b) Letters have been received in Skeyton concerning a new type of Broadband, full-fibre. A few properties in Skeyton have fibre but it was very random in the village.

c) Can you help – Volunteers Still Needed. Posters have been erected on the Skeyton Notice Board asking for various type of help within the NHS. Contact number on the poster.

5. Planning

a) PF/21/1414 plans at "Crossways", Swanton Abbott Road, have been withdrawn.

6. Finance

- a) Precept for 2022/23. It was felt by the Council that the Precept which has not been increased since 2010 should be. A figure of 4% proposed by Cllr: A. Moore and seconded by Cllr: I. Stevenson was agreed. Making the Precept now £1,144.00 instead of £1,100.00.
- b) Bank Statement. The current account balance is £1,740.13
- c) Bottle Bank. The Council has just received 219.26 from the Bottle Bank.
A Big Thank-you to everyone that recycled their bottles at the Bottle Bank.
- d) Clerk's Wages and tax were paid.

7. Highways

- a) Clerk reported two pot holes to the Highways, who in turn said they could not find these and had they been filled in. The Chairman checked these and they had not been repaired so they have been reported again.
The Chairman has checked the salt in the grit bins and has topped up where necessary.
One bin which the Highways supplied has been damaged. This to be reported.
It was suggested that the point of contact to report pot holes etc., to be advertised in The Village News.
- b) School Lane grups dug out. Outside Skeyton Lodge problem was resolved by one of the farm worker's jetting out the long ditch which stopped the water traveling down the road.
The problem on the road called the Causeway is in the system for core samples to be taken as soon as there are funds available.
- c) Councillor Saul Penfold has a budget of 10,000 to spend on highway problems. 3,000 of which is to be spent on a feasibility study in North Walsham to help solve the problem of traffic being held up down Grammar School Road.
Skeyton Parish Council wondered if we could have a sign saying "SKEYTON, PLEASE DRIVE CAREFULLY". Also the cleaning of road signs was mentioned.
He also has a budget of 1,500 to spend on trees. It was suggested that perhaps planting more oaks down Church Road, Skeyton would be advantageous.

8. Any other business.

- a) A report from District/Councillor Saul Penfold.
North Norfolk District Council held a Greenbuild Event which is usually held at Felbrigg. Good speakers, including Chris Packham. This can be watched on U tube.
NNDC awarded 126 million in grants to help businesses keep afloat.
The old Splash along the Weybourne Road, Sheringham is no more and a new Leisure Centre called "Reef" has been built. Not only has it got a swimming pool, but a café, meeting rooms, dance studio and skate park outside.
Full Council meeting on the 17th December. Anglian Water to report any Sewerage liquid into rivers and streams, panel to update, this every six months.

Norfolk County Council full meeting on 29th. Meetings held every four months

Lib Dem's thinks meetings not held often enough. Meetings last three hours and not all items discussed.

The Meeting closed on 9.00.pm

Date of Next Meeting is 1st February 2022. 7.30.p.m.